

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Unknown  
Title: BALANCE SHAFT FOR A RECIPROCATING PISTON  
ENGINE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.